

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A motor-driven disk brake having a caliper, said caliper containing:

a piston for pressing a brake pad;

a rotary actuator; and

a rotary-to-rectilinear motion converting mechanism for transmitting rotation of said rotary actuator to said piston after converting it into a rectilinear motion;

wherein said piston is driven in response to rotation of said rotary actuator to press said brake pad against a disk rotor, thereby generating braking force;

said motor-driven disk brake further having a pad wear compensating mechanism for advancing said piston relative to a rectilinearly moving member in said rotary-to-rectilinear motion converting mechanism in accordance with wear of said brake pad, said pad wear compensating mechanism having a rotatable limiter engaged with a rotating member in said rotary-to-rectilinear motion converting mechanism with an amount of play in a direction of rotation such that the play provides a predetermined clearance between said piston and said pad after said pad wear compensating mechanism has achieved its wear compensation effect;

wherein a resilient member is provided between the rotating member in said rotary-to-rectilinear motion converting mechanism and the limiter in said pad wear compensating

mechanism, said resilient member being adapted to generate a set load greater than a non-loaded-state rotational resistance of said rotating member and to store a torque in accordance with relative rotation between said rotating member and said limiter during braking.

8. (Original) A motor-driven disk brake according to claim 7, wherein said resilient member is a coil spring wound concentrically with said rotating member or said limiter to store a torsional torque.